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SUBJ: MOROCCAN REACTION TO DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT

1. TV COVERAGE AND REPORTING IN SEMI-OFFICIAL MOROCCAN PRESS HAS BEEN HIGHLY FAVORABLE ON U.S. CONTRIBUTION TO ACHIEVING ACCORD. MEDIA STRESS SECRETARY'S KEY ROLE. GROMYKO'S LAST MINUTE ARRIVAL AT SCENE RECEIVED LITTLE ATTENTION. OPPOSITION ISTIQLAL DAILY CALLED DISENGAGEMENT INCOMPLETE, STRESSING PROBLEM OF FUTRUE OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, BUT PRAISED SECRETARY'S QUOTE DIPLOMATIC MARATHON UNQUOTE. OPPOSITION AND SEMI-OFFICIAL PAPERS ALL ATTRIBUTE ACCORD TO ISRAELI BACKDOWN, UNDER U.S. PRESSURE, FROM INSISTENCE THAT SYRIANS PUT END TO FEDAYEEN ACTIVITIES.

2. REACTION IN OFFICIAL AND POLITICAL CIRCLES IN RABAT HAD BEEN VERY POSITIVE AND SECRETARY UNIVERSALLY GIVEN VERY HIGH MARKS FOR IMAGINATION AND PERSISTENCE. WE HAVE ALREADY REPORTED ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER'S PRAISE
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OF SECRETARY AND PLEDGE, AS STRONG SUPPORTER OF

AGREEMENT, THAT GOM WOULD ACT AS VOICE OF MODERATION.
WE BELIEVE BALANCED SEMI-OFFICIAL MEDIA COVERAGE MAY
BE ATTRIBUTED IN PART TO THIS ATTITUDE. MOROCCANS AND
DIPLOMATS WITH WHOM WE HAVE SPOKEN HAVE GONE OUT OF
THEIR WAY TO CONGRATULATE US. AT SAME TIME, PEOPLE
HERE NOTE THAT, WHILE FIGHTING WILL NOW STOP, WE STILL
NEAR BEGINNING OF LONG AND DIFFICULT NEGOTIATING PROCESS
IN WHICH SYRIAN-ISRAELI RELATIONS WILL CONTINUE TO BE
MAJOR PROBLEM.
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